THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

25 May 1989

AM 10:00 CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C.

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Approval of 20 April 1989 minutes.

B. Dates of meetings:

22 June 1989 (Thursday)
27 July 1989 (Thursday)

C. Revision of 16 November 1989 meeting date to 15 or 17 November 1989.

II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. <u>District of Columbia Government, Office of the Mayor</u>

1. CFA 25/MAY/89-2, Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial, Judiciary Square, 400 Block of E Street, N. W. Additional studies of design. (Previous: CFA 20/APR/89-2, CFA 23/FEB/89-7, CFA 12/JAN/89-2, CFA 27/OCT/88-1.)

2. CFA 25/MAY/89-3, Francis Scott Key Memorial, M Street at Key Bridge, N. W. Inspection of site and portrait sculpture. (Previous: CFA 19/NOV/87-3.)

B. <u>National Park Service, National Capital Region</u>

1. CFA 25/MAY/89-4, Walt Whitman Park, Preschool Play Area, 19th and E Streets, N. W. Design.

C. General Services Administration, National Capital Region

CFA 25/MAY/89-7, Forrestal Building, 10th Street and Independence Avenue, S. W. Study for placement of flags. (Previous: CFA 20/APR/89, CFA 23/FEB/89.)

D. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation

CFA 25/MAY/89-5, FBI Building sidewalk alterations, Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., between 9th and 10th Streets. Concept design.

E. District of Columbia Government, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. S.L. 89-115, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Evening Star Building. Proposed roof terrace design alterations. Permit.

b. S.L. 89-18, 8175 East Beach Drive, N. W. New single family dwelling. Revised concept design.

c. S.L. 89-109, 800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. New office building. Concept design.

d. S.L. 89-121, 7780 17th Street, N. W. New single family dwelling. Concept design.

e. S.L. 89-124, Davenport Street, Broad Branch Road, and Chesterfield Place, N. W. New single family dwellings. Concept designs.

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2. Old Georgetown Act

a. O.G. 88-203, 3607 M Street, N. W. Raze existing gasoline station.

b. O.G. 88-255, 3607 Canal Road, N. W. (M Street). New Exxon station with pump canopy and convenience store. Concept design.

c. O.G. 89-81, 3015 M Street, N. W. Proposed rear addition to existing building, including underground storage. Concept design.

d. Appendix II.

F. National Park Service, National Capital Region

2. CFA 25/MAY/89-6, bollard inspection.

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25 May 1989

8:00 am

1. 800 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, N.W., NORTHWEST CORNER OF H STREET.

   New office building.

2. WHITE HOUSE, BETWEEN SOUTH LAWN AND ELLIPSE

   Proposed security bollards

3. WALT WHITMAN PARK, E STREET BETWEEN 19th & 20th STREETS

   Re-landscaping for children's day-care facility

4. 3015 M STREET, N.W.

   Alteration and additions to rear of historic structure

5. FRANCIS SCOTT KEY MEMORIAL

   a. The Georgetown Club, 1530 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W.

      Inspection of existing portrait sculpture

   b. The memorial site, M Street & Key Bridge

      Mock-up of sculpture and inspection of construction materials

6. 3607 M STREET, N.W. (CANAL ROAD)

   a. Demolition of service station buildings

   b. New Exxon station

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SHIPSTEAD-LUCE SUBMISSIONS

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 89-98	955 L'Enfant Plaza, S.W. L'Enfant Plaza Properties Office building	Awnings, canopy and planters - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awnings, canopy and planters.

S.L. 89-99	2934 Macomb Street, N.W. Burkey Belser Residence	Addition to rear deck - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept for addition to rear deck.

S.L. 89-100	1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The Mills Building Columbia First	Signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed signs which conform to the uniform sign master plan for the building.

S.L. 89-101	1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The Mills Building Carrpark	Signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed signs which conform to the uniform sign master plan for the building.

S.L. 89-102	1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The Mills Building Waldenbooks	Signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed signs which conform to the uniform sign master plan for the building.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 89-103	1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The Mills Building Midnight Sun	Sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign which conforms to the uniform sign master plan for the building.

S.L. 89-104	1709 G Street, N.W. The Mills Building Compton Jewelers	Sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign which conforms to the uniform sign master plan for the building.

S.L. 89-105	1703 G Street, N.W. The Mills Building Fannie May Candies	Signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed signs which conform to the uniform sign master plan for the building.

S.L. 89-106	1455 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The Willard Building Lorenzo	Awnings - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed awnings.

S.L. 89-107	502 23rd Street, N.W. Columbia Plaza Ltd. Partnership First American Bank	New storefront - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new storefront and access ramped terrace.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 89-110	310 First Street, S.E. Republican National Committee	Antenna Dish - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of an antenna dish. Recommend smaller diameter antenna in a location below south parapet of penthouse on main roof. Further recommend grey mesh for dish rather than solid material. Resubmit new study for review when ready.

S.L. 89-117	750 17th Street, N.W. Manufacturers Real Estate McDonald's restaurant	Sign - permit

ACTION: Recommend <u>against</u> issuance of permit for sign as proposed. The unified sign system, integral to the architectural design of this new building, was carefully considered and approved (S.L. 87-28) in order to avoid competitive advertising.

S.L. 89-118	2142 Cathedral Avenue, N.W. Jack Bachman Residence	Fence - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed replacement fence.

S.L. 89-119	409 12th Street, S.W. 409 12th St. S.W. Ltd. Part. Portal Delights	Exhaust fan - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed exhaust fan inside vestibule and for equipment on roof at a location not visible from public space.

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NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 89-131	525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Washington Court Hotel	New port cochere - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed port cochere.

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OLD GEORGETOWN SUBMISSIONS

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-78	1637 35th Street, N.W. Richard McCooey Residence	Addition of deck & garage - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to general concept for new garage and related site work. Recommend 1.) that proposed trellis not extend across face of garage, 2.) that every effort be made to minimize any impact of proposed deck visible from public space, 3.) that electric meter at street be concealed behind gate and gas meter painted to match house. Submit working drawings for permit application review when ready.

O.G. 89-108	3241 N Street, N.W. Marvin Jawer Residence	Renovation, rear addition, new pool & garage - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed renovation, one-story addition, and addition of pool, privacy wall and garage as shown in working drawings received and dated 22 March 1989 and augmented by supplemental drawings received and dated 18 April 1989.

O.G. 89-98	3411 O Street, N.W. Jack Smith Residence	New garage entrance - conceptual

ACTION: Recommend against concept of re-introducing garage entrance which was added to historic c. 1870 house in 1920s. The proposed work is not appropriate to the architectural integrity of this 19th century row house or to the character of the historic district in general. No objection to restoring front entrance doorway.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-100	1409 35th Street, N.W. Eugenia Kemble Residence	Alterations and rear addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of rear addition, replacement of casement windows with shorter double-hung windows, introduction of basement window wells and relocation of main entrance. Recommend retaining existing wood siding. Submit fully-developed architectural drawings for permit application review when ready.

O.G. 89-109	3250 O Street, N.W. G. Turner Residence	Enclose rear porch and replace garage - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of porch enclosure and design of proposed new garage as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 4 May 1989. Recommend that slope of garage roof overlooking alley match neighbor's garage to west. Submit working drawings for permit application review on all work when ready.

O.G. 89-115	3250 O Street, N.W. G. Turner Residence	Raze garage - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for razing metal garage on alley.

O.G. 89-131	3026 Cambridge Place, N.W. Schirmer/Baudon Residence	Two-story rear addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed addition. Recommend in preparing working drawings that careful study be given to proportions of new fenestration and its relationship to the existing two-over-two, double-hung windows. Submit for permit application review when ready.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-127	3020 K Street, N.W. The Cafritz Group Washington Harbour	Alterations to tower, new bridge, awnings & lattice work - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed completion of decorative tower as originally approved, pedestrian bridge for tower access, trellis work at existing retaining wall and addition of ground floor awnings as shown in drawings received and dated 19 April 1989.

O.G. 89-135	3108 P Street, N.W. Mark Leland Residence	One-story rear addition - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept of one-story conservatory addition at this location provided proposed work will not require a zoning variance with respect to the limited space of 3'-4" between the addition and the neighboring party line. Recommend careful study of detailing so as to harmonize with and complement existing residence. Submit working drawings for permit application review when ready.

O.G. 89-137	1048 29th Street, N.W. 1048 29th St. Ltd. Part. Office building	Alterations - new design - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for existing industrial building adjacent to the historic C & O Canal. Current alterations, which supersede previously approved application for this structure (O.G. 88-253), are intended to more fully harmonize with industrial character of existing building. Submit working drawings for permit application review when ready.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-130	3039 Dent Place, N.W. Terrence Straub Residence	Front entrance to basement - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for excavation of street front areaway and new basement entrance.

O.G. 89-134	1055 T. Jefferson Street, N.W. T. Jefferson Ltd. Part. Assoc. The Foundry Shops	Signs, awnings and alterations - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to proposed changes with exception of neon lighting of banner and lighting recessed within pavement adjacent to the historic C & O Canal. Recommend working with existing bollard lighting, less heavy detailing of the new entrance bay, and a more careful study of all signs, their material and placement. Submit working drawings for permit application review when ready.

O.G. 89-95	3207 O Street, N.W. Cohen-Gilbert Realty Silver Eagle Jewelry & Gifts	Awning - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed new grey vinyl shed-type awning marked Option 2 on supplemental drawing received and dated 25 April 1989.

O.G. 89-126	3225 Grace Street, N.W. Georgetown Park Cond. Assoc. Canal House apartment building	Enclose balconies with screening - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for addition of proposed wire mesh screening at existing recessed balconies.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-118	2801 M Street, N.W. 2801 M Street Assoc. Craft Shop	Sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for wall-mounted, wood sign.

O.G. 89-121	1901 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Sidney S. Zlotnick Citicorp Savings	Illuminated panels - permit

ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for internally-illuminated panels which are not appropriate to the character of the historic district.

O.G. 89-128	1901 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Sidney S. Zlotnick Citicorp Savings	Enamelled architectural panels - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for installation of three enamelled metal panels within the entrance arcade. Panels will not be illuminated.

O.G. 89-122	1901 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Sidney S. Zlotnick Citicorp Savings	Sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign consisting of individual, back-lighted metal letters.

O.G. 89-141	3114 Dumbarton Street, N.W. Mary Russell Residence	Fence - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed fence replacement.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-120	1620 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Simon Cohen Changes Hair Studio	Projecting sign (existing) - permit

ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for existing projecting sign which is inappropriate for this location. In addition, request removal of existing neon which is inappropriate to the historic district. Recommend a sign either painted on the window glass or wall-mounted. Submit new design for review when ready.

O.G. 89-132	1651 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Video Unlimited	Signs - permit

ACTION: No objection to proposed sign panel mounted at show window only. Applicant has withdrawn proposed hanging sign at existing light pole.

O.G. 89-136	2905 Olive Street, N.W. Rev. S. Garner Residence	Alteration of second floor windows - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed window and exhaust duct changes.

O.G. 89-129	1636 30th Street, N.W. Paul Milone Residence	Fence - permit

ACTION: Recommend against issuance of permit for proposed fence installation. Fences should be installed only on grade to a height no greater than 7'-0" from the ground.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
O.G. 89-112	3067 Canal Street, N.W. Young T. Park Lunch Box	Projecting sign (existing) - permit

ACTION: Recommend against existing projecting sign. Recommend traditional hanging sign designed to complement character of this historic building and the historic district in general. Submit new design for review when ready.

O.G. 89-138	3700 O Street, N.W. Georgetown College	Replacement of existing brick - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed renovation and repairs.

O.G. 89-139	3700 O Street, N.W. Georgetown College	New steps and retaining walls, repairs - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed repairs.

O.G. 89-143	3225 M Street, N.W. Gary Heurich Racquet & Jog	Sign - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed sign to be installed on frieze above door as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 12 may 1989.

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MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

25 May 1989

The meeting was convened at 10:00 a. m. in the Commission of Fine Arts offices at 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D. C., after a tour of project sites.

Members present:	Hon. J. Carter Brown, Chairman Hon. Neil H. Porterfield, Vice Chairman Hon. Carolyn Deaver Hon. Roy M. Goodman Hon. Frederick E. Hart Hon. Diane Wolf
Staff present:	Mr. Charles H. Atherton, Secretary Mr. Donald B. Myer, Assistant Secretary Mr. Jeffrey R. Carson Mrs. Sue A. Kohler
National Capital Planning Commission staff present:	Mr. Patrick Tribe

I. ADMINISTRATION

A. Minutes of the 20 April 1989 meeting: approved.

B. Dates of meetings, approved as: 22 June 1989 (Thursday)
27 July 1989 (Thursday)

C. Revision of 16 November 1989 meeting date: moved to 15 November 1989 (Wednesday).

Before the first submission was reviewed, Miss Wolf announced that she had received a letter from James Mauro, a Georgetown applicant, that she considered libelous in nature. As it was a Commission matter, she said she would like to turn a copy of it over to the staff; the Secretary said he thought that would be a good idea and accepted the copy.

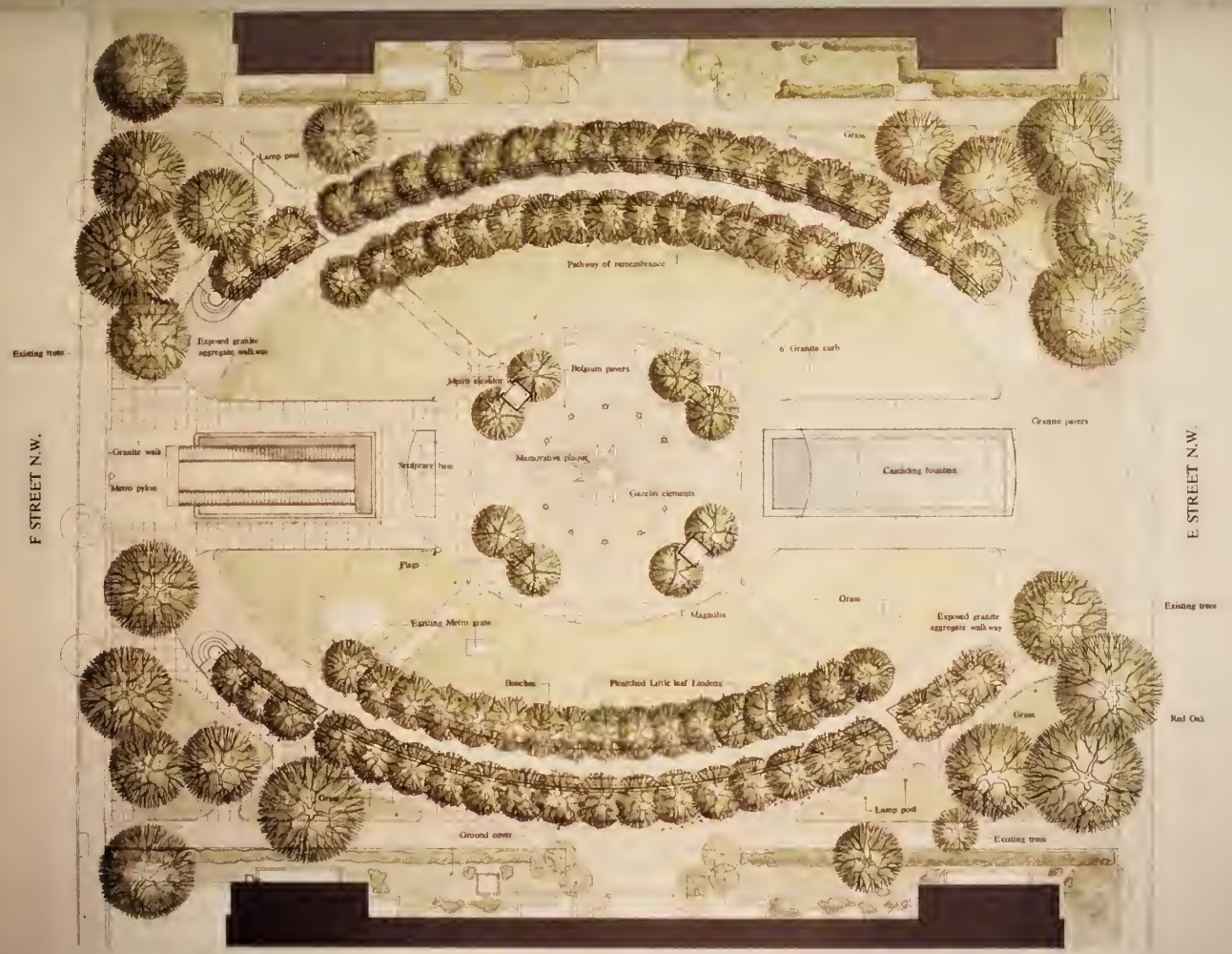
II. SUBMISSIONS AND REVIEWS

A. District of Columbia Government, Office of the Mayor

1. CFA 25/MAY/89-2, Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial, Judiciary Square, 400 block of E Street, N.W. Additional studies of design. (Previous: CFA 20/APR/89-2, CFA 23/FEB/89-7, CFA 12/JAN/89-2, CFA 27/OCT/88-1.) Staff member Jeffrey Carson noted that this was the fifth review for this project, and said that the architect, Davis Buckley, had prepared detailed studies of the paving and a variation of the proposed pergola. Mr. Buckley showed previous drawings and the revised scheme, which had a strengthened paving pattern, continuing through groups of trees that had been placed next to the Metro elevators and the two gazebos that would be erected in complementary positions at opposite corners of the central area. The earlier pergola had been omitted from this scheme, the trees taking over its linking function, but small columns had been used near the elevators and gazebos to help define the interior space. Mr. Buckley pointed out also that the spacing of the canopy trees at the outer corners had been changed. The Chairman asked about the pleached trees at the memorial wall and was told that the Park Service had now agreed that they would be appropriate, and that by keeping them pleached, the surrounding buildings would not be obscured.

A discussion followed on the proposed gazebo elements, the former pergola or trellis scheme, and the cladding of the Metro elevators. Mr. Hart asked about the cladding, in a classical style, that Mr. Buckley had proposed earlier; he was told that Metro would not allow the elevators to be altered in any way, that they wanted to keep the "Metro look" at all stations. In answer to the Chairman's question, Mr. Buckley said he did not think there would be any objection to a trellis as long as it was not attached to the elevators. The Chairman was not convinced by the gazebo solution to the problem of asymmetry on the site; he still thought a trellis would define the interior space and integrate the two elevators, though he would not object to groups of trees at the points where the gazebos were proposed. He thought some architectural structure was needed, and in the summer, vines could be grown on it to provide welcome shade. Mr. Porterfield asked if the small columns would be eliminated if the trellis were used; Mr. Buckley said they would. It was agreed that he could make new drawings, showing a trellis and possibly much simplified gazebos, circulate them to the members, show them to Metro, and then make another presentation at the June meeting. There was a discussion of the Belgian block paving material, and it was emphasized that the concrete material between the blocks had to come up high enough so that they would not be difficult to walk on.

Miss Wolf still felt that there should be paths from the side entrances of the flanking court buildings into the memorial area. The architect and the other members commented that these entrances were not frequently used, traffic was generally not headed into the memorial area, and for those who wished to enter, there were other



NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS MEMORIAL

DAVIS BUCKLEY P.C.
ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS

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Natl. Law Enforcement Officers Mem.
Judiciary Square

paths conveniently located that would provide a better entrance experience. It was thought important that the memorial "room" not be opened up in too many places lest the space begin to leak out. In addition, it was noted that if such paths lined up with the doors, they would not be on center with the memorial.

There was a discussion of the placement of the flags and the sculpture. Mr. Buckley said the sculptor would be Ray Kaskey, but he had not yet prepared a model. The Chairman thought the placement of the flags could wait until there was a better idea of what the sculpture would be. Senator Goodman asked if the idea of a laser beam as a memorial element had been abandoned. Craig Floyd, from the Memorial Fund, said the idea had not been completely dismissed but was not part of this presentation. Mr. Buckley said he had seen a demonstration and was very impressed; he noted that the beam was not visible from a distance. Exhibit A

2. CFA 25/MAY/89-3, Francis Scott Key Memorial, M Street at Key Bridge, N.W. Inspection of site and portrait sculpture. (Previous: CFA 19/NOV/87-3.) Mr. Carson noted for the record that the members had visited the site and had seen the sculpture. The Chairman said the consensus had been that the Commission would like to see a design for the sculpture base. Other than that, there had been approval of the materials, including the substitution of bluestone for the original brownstone paving, which had proved to be too expensive. Exhibit B

B. National Park Service, National Capital Region

1. CFA 25/MAY/89-4, Walt Whitman Park, preschool play area, 19th and E Streets, N.W. Design. The Assistant Secretary reviewed the approved design for the park itself, which had never been implemented, and noted that the members had toured the site. He said the proposed play area would occupy the eastern end, facing Rawlins Park, and the rest of the area would continue to be used as a playing field for softball and frisbie. He said the project had been coordinated with the various reviewing agencies, using agencies, and neighbors, and then introduced John Blair from the Park Service and Jeff Baird from the design firm. Mr. Baird showed drawings, pointing out the entrance area (coordinated with the Rawlins Park entrance), the central focal area, planted with trees, and the surrounding play areas, or "rooms", which included an amphitheatre, sand terrace, playground equipment area, play village, and infant play area. Mr. Blair commented that the existing topography would be utilized, so there would be very little grading or change in contours. Playground equipment would be primarily natural wood, and restroom and other facilities would be provided in vans, furnished by the using agencies, that would be parked in normal parking spaces along the street. The playground would accommodate 150 children. A hedge would screen the equipment, and there would be an iron fence around the area, like the one around Rawlins Park.

Miss Wolf asked some questions about the playground equipment, the availability of first aid and telephone equipment, and whether the children would be visible at all times by the teachers; she was satisfied that all these points had been considered.

The Chairman said he was concerned about the urban design aspects: the intensive development of the eastern end of the park while the rest remained an undeveloped field. Mr. Porterfield thought it might have been better to place the children's play area in the middle. Ann Sligo, from the Home Loan Bank Board, said the reason for the eastern location was that the children would come from buildings near that end of the park, and it would be hard for them, since they will be very young children, to walk much further. She noted also that the traffic and pollution was considerably worse near the west end because of the proximity to the E Street tunnel.

The Chairman and Mr. Porterfield thought that strengthening the tree planting around the perimeter, with a double row of trees at the western end, might give the park as a whole better definition and help balance the play area at the east end. Mr. Blair and Mr. Baird were asked to communicate these thoughts to their landscape architects and ask them to study the problem. The play area itself was approved. Exhibit C

C. General Services Administration, National Capital Region CFA 25/MAY/89-7, Forrestal Building, 10th Street and Independence Avenue, S.W. Study for placement of flags. (Previous: CFA 20/APR/89, CFA 23/FEB/89.) Mr. Carson recalled the approval, in April, of the landscaping and terrace plan, and the request for restudy of the decorative elements at the entrance to the 10th Street Mall, perhaps replacing these elements with groups of flags. Frank Miles from GSA was introduced, and he, in turn, introduced the architect, Jean-Paul Carlhian, to discuss the studies he had made with GSA during the past month.

Mr. Carlhian recalled his efforts to do something to break up the extremely long facade of the building, and the acceptance of marking the 10th Street entrance with elements placed at a 45 degree angle. He said he had studied the idea of using groups of flags, but noticed that there were a great many of them in the area and so thought it would be better to use just one tall American flag in the center, placed far forward to catch the sun, and design new architectural elements to be placed at each side. He showed drawings of the newly designed elements, based on the architectural design of a typical bay of the Forrestal Building, one floor in height; he also pointed out the flag and the architectural elements on a model of the facade and street front.

Mr. Hart thought this was the time to bring a sculptor into the design process, especially one who could work with light, perhaps neon, and develop the gatepost and lantern aspect of these

elements. Mr. Carlhian said commissioning a sculptor would unfortunately be a very complicated, time-consuming and expensive procedure. The Chairman suggested the Commission might be willing to accept the elements as designed, as stand-ins for the time when true sculpture might be commissioned. Mr. Hart said he had not meant to suggest that any great works of art be placed in this location, but that some craftsman take the concept, develop and refine it. Mr. Porterfield agreed that whatever was put there had to make a statement and had to be well done, because the street was so important. He did not object to starting out with a module of the building, but he thought it should be developed so that it became something more than that. Miss Wolf was worried about accepting anything as a temporary solution, since the temporary so often became permanent. Mrs. Deaver thought the sculpture should say something about what goes on in the building. After many attempts by several members to formulate a motion that was acceptable to all and gave the architect some direction, Mr. Hart made the following motion that was seconded and carried, with Miss Wolf and Senator Goodman abstaining: The Commission approves the concept of the architectural elements, but reserves final judgment until more detailed drawings can be reviewed.

Attention then turned to the design of the flagpole. The Chairman asked about the height and was told that it would be commensurate with others in the block. He said he thought it could be higher, enough so that it would break the cornice line and act as an anchor for the whole building, and the north-south axis. He thought the squares should be taken off the base and a simple, tapered pole used; he cited Saarinen's flagpole at Dulles Airport as an example. Everyone agreed this was the direction that should be followed. Exhibit D

D. Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation
CFA 25/MAY/89-5, FBI Building sidewalk alterations, Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., between 9th and 10th Streets. Concept design. The Assistant Secretary reviewed the original 1964 Pennsylvania Avenue plan, which called for 50 foot building setbacks from the street, the use of small, square pavers and three rows of linden trees in this area, viewing "trays" or mezzanines in the buildings for parade viewing, and a triple curb, also for the benefit of parade watchers. Lighting in the sidewalk area was provided by triple ball lights on standards. He said the FBI block was the only one completed according to the original plan. Now, since the plan had undergone several modifications, PADC wanted to bring this block up to date by removing the triple curb, installing the current PADC pavers, replacing the linden trees with willow oaks, and using the kind of lighting used elsewhere on the avenue.

Jay Brodie from PADC was introduced and explained the reasons for the request: people had fallen on the triple curb, the old pavers had not held up well, the tree grates had not proved strong enough structurally, and there was a general desire to make this

block conform to the new plan. There were some questions asked about the number of trees to be used, but otherwise there was no discussion and the alterations were unanimously approved. Exhibit E

E. District of Columbia Government, Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

1. Shipstead-Luce Act

a. S.L. 89-115, 1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Evening Star Building. Proposed roof terrace design alterations. Permit. Mr. Carson recalled that the Star Building had been under restoration and renovation and said there had been a slight change in the concept, in that the architects would like to present a different treatment for the roof terrace. He introduced Ms. Briggs from Swanke, Hayden, Connell, architects for Citicorp, the tenants of the top two floors in the building. She said the original design had shown concrete pavers with a precast bench and planters around the perimeter; their new design, done in consultation with EDAW, landscape architects, would essentially turn the space into a garden. The Chairman asked if the terrace could be seen from public space and was told that it would be visible from the Old Post Office. Everyone agreed that looking down on a roof garden would be a pleasure, and the project was unanimously approved. Exhibit F

b. S.L. 89-18, 8175 East Beach Drive, N.W. New single family dwelling. Revised concept design. Mr. Carson said this project had been reviewed several times, the last time in April, and there had been serious concern about the amount of grading planned for the site, the loss of trees, and the intention to build a 10 foot retaining wall in the rear. Mr. Porterfield had asked for a restudy in an effort to keep as much of the topography and tree growth as possible. There had also been questions about the prominence of the driveway in front of the house and a request to study a different configuration.

Mr. Carson showed the new plans, noting that the back quarter of the lot would now retain the existing landscape, with the remaining rear yard terraced with two retaining walls, each only 3-4 feet high. The members all thought the treatment of this area was far better than before, and it was approved.

Mr. Carson also noted that the rise of the driveway had been lowered 2-3 feet and it would be paved in asphalt instead of concrete. The developer, Jerry Ellsberry, was then introduced. He said he had tried a different configuration for the driveway, one suggested by the Chairman, but it would require taking down two trees and actually adding more paving; if this configuration were used the plan of the house would be reversed. Mr. Porterfield thought the trees could be saved with care during construction, and Mr. Ellsberry agreed. The Chairman and Mr. Porterfield felt strongly that the view of the house from the park would be greatly improved by the new driveway configuration, and Mr. Ellsberry was asked to develop that plan. He was also asked to group the trees

he had shown planted along the neighboring properties, rather than plant them in straight, evenly-spaced rows. Exhibit F

c. S.L. 89-109, 800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. New office building. Concept design. The Assistant Secretary showed photographs of the existing building, which will be demolished, and an aerial photograph of the area, pointing out the Veterans Administration building on the east side of Lafayette Square and noting that both it and the new building being proposed were cut off diagonally at the corner where they faced the square. He then introduced Thomas Eichbaum of Keyes, Condon & Florance, architects, to make the presentation.

Mr. Eichbaum first introduced the developer who would be acting for the Maiatico family, owners of the building that would be demolished. He began his presentation by saying that his firm had had two goals in designing the building: to take full advantage of the exceptional site, and to reestablish a residential relationship with the low buildings on the square. To accomplish the latter, a four story section had been introduced along the Lafayette Square frontage of the building. Mr. Eichbaum said they had also wanted to give a better termination to the commercial development coming down Connecticut Avenue. He noted that there was a zoning change within the site that allowed greater height behind the Lafayette Square frontage. He described the style of the building as being related to the Connecticut Avenue commercial buildings of the late 1920s and early 1930s and said they had tried to make this a special building, not just another commercial structure. He described the various sections of the building in detail, the office and retail locations, and the balcony and roof deck above the four story section facing the square.

The members then questioned Mr. Eichbaum about some aspects of the design. The Chairman was disturbed by the great width of the corner champfering, feeling that it did not relate well to the Veterans Administration building and was overpowering, especially because of the prominent penthouse. There were suggestions that the facade be moved forward to minimize the effect of the penthouse, or that the penthouse be moved back; it was thought, generally, that the penthouse needed further study. Mr. Porterfield observed that although the building certainly had to relate well to Lafayette Square, it was not actually on the square, and its relationship to the streets it faced was of equal importance. The Chairman thought perhaps the rendering shown made the champfer look wider than it really was. However, he suggested that the vertical elements be stressed so that it did not look so massive. Regarding materials, Mr. Eichbaum said the intention was to make it a stone building; he said they were still studying varieties of both limestone and granite.

Miss Wolf asked Mr. Eichbaum if they had their demolition permit; he said they had not yet received it. She questioned the

wisdom of reviewing a design before a demolition permit had been granted. The Chairman and the Secretary told her that under the Shipstead-Luce Act the Commission could only comment on new construction, not demolition; the Willard Hotel court decision had made that clear. A representative from Keyes, Condon & Florance said they had no indication they would not be granted a demolition permit and had had a favorable preliminary reaction from the D. C. Historic Preservation Review Board. Miss Wolf said she would abstain from any comment on the design until the demolition permit had been granted; the other members voiced no objection to the concept and approved it for further development. Exhibit F

d. S.L. 89-121, 7780 17th Street, N.W. New single family dwelling. Concept design. Mr. Carson pointed out the site on a map, noting that it bordered Rock Creek Park and was only a block or two from the East Beach Drive house reviewed earlier in the meeting. He introduced the architect, Mr. Tritanandi, who described the site, a small triangular lot with an 8 foot slope, and the house he had designed for it. It would be basically a two story house, with some one story sections, oriented to the sun and the park views and emphasizing indoor-outdoor living. It would be traditional in style, related to English Tudor, with some half-timbering, stucco, brick, and a cedar shake roof. The members were concerned that it might be too busy in effect and asked the architect to try to quiet it down a bit in deference to the park environment; they also asked to see material and color samples to be assured that the contrasts would not be too startling. There were no objections to the concept, however, and it was approved for further development. Exhibit F

e. S.L. 89-124, Davenport Street, Broad Branch Road, and Chesterfield Place, N.W. New single family dwellings. Concept designs. The Assistant Secretary said this was a proposal for five new houses on a hilly site that already contained one traditional style house, built of stone. He showed a model, noting that the architects had tried to be very sensitive to the contours of the site and to the existing trees in the placement of the houses. He said they would be built of natural materials, primarily wood and stone. The architect, Donald Little, of Cross & Little, was then introduced.

Mr. Little first showed slides of the area, commenting on the topography and the existing houses, including the one already on the site, which, he noted, was his client's residence; he referred to it as the manor house. He said he had two goals in mind in siting the new houses: to respect the manor house and its vistas, and to fit the new construction into the site in a respectful way. He said that where the new houses faced the manor house, in the cul-de-sac area, they would have stone walls and slate roofs. Then, as they went down the site, they would become freer, more innovative, and cling to the hillside; as they would be built on piloti, very little excavating or grading would be required. There

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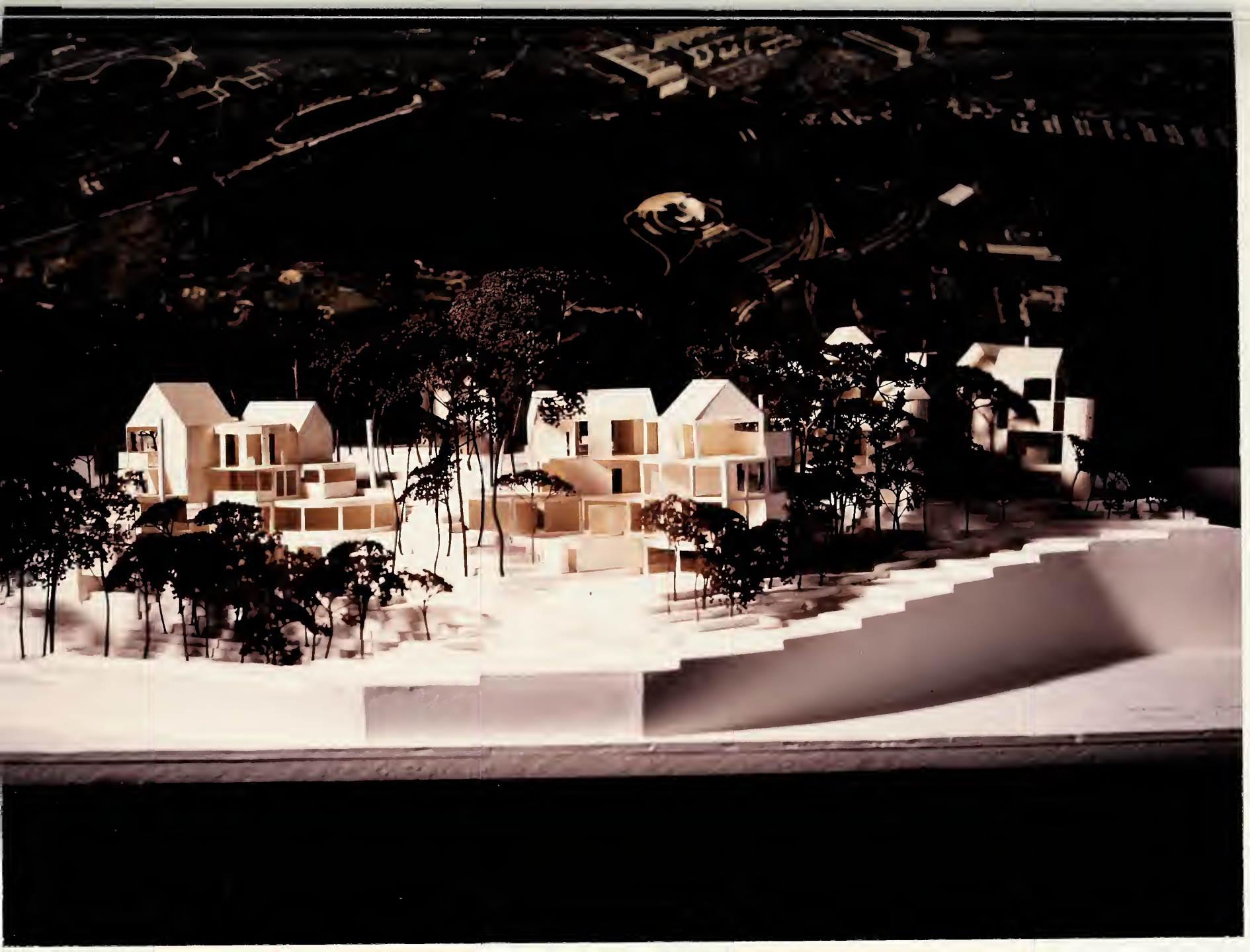

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would be garage entrances for some of the houses off Davenport Street, with public entrances above, near the manor house.

Mr. Little then discussed his plans to save as many of the trees on the site as possible; he introduced George Fritz who would be working with him and had had a great deal of experience working on hilly sites. He showed a diagram of the trees on the site, marked to show those that would be lost because of construction. The members were pleased with the large number that would remain.

The Chairman said he was very pleased with the sensitive design solution, but encroaching on a park situation as magnificent as this one was a great responsibility, and he thought the Commission might want to make a site visit before giving any final approval. He said his own feeling was that, as fine as the scheme was, it would be better if one house were removed. Mr. Porterfield thought that the houses were very well sited, and as there would be minimal grading and a maximum saving of trees, the density could be allowed. He observed that the Commission had seen many submissions where there was only one house but an entire lot had been destroyed. Mrs. Deaver asked for a more complete description of the materials; Mr. Little said stone, with slate for the roofs, would be the principal material where the houses faced the manor house; where they faced the hillside, glass and a grey-stained natural wood, with some copper touches, would be used. In size the houses would vary from 5000 to 6000 square feet. Mr. Porterfield asked if potential buyers would be allowed to make exterior alterations, and Mr. Little said no; he said his client would have strict control in this area.

There was a consensus that the project deserved conceptual approval, with the Chairman saying again that the members should see the site before the next review. Mrs. Alicia Boyd asked Mr. Little if the neighbors were aware of the project; he said he believed the owner had talked to the immediate neighbors. (Refer to Sept. 89 mtg.)

f. Appendix I. Approved.

2. Old Georgetown Act

a. O.G. 88-203, 3607 M Street, N.W. Raze existing gasoline station. There were no objections to the demolition, the members having seen the building on their pre-meeting tour, and it was unanimously approved. Exhibit F

b. O.G. 88-255, 3607 Canal Road, N.W. (M Street). New Exxon station with pump canopy and convenience store. Concept design. Mr. Carson said the Georgetown Board had seen this several times and worked with the architect. He showed a rendering and drawings showing several versions of the treatment of the brick, pointing out the one preferred by the Board. He read the Board's report to the Commission, which noted that the design had first

been reviewed in August 1988 and had undergone several changes to reduce its impact on the historic district. The Board recommended concept approval of the current version. There were no objections and the concept design was unanimously approved. Exhibit F

c. O.G. 89-81, 3015 M Street, N.W. Propposed rear addition to existing building, including underground storage. Concept design. Withdrawn.

d. Appendix II. The Assistant Secretary announced that he had received a memo from ANC Commissioner Kara Kent, who could not be present at the meeting, asking that he read the ANC resolution against the application for 3015 M Street. Since it had been withdrawn from the agenda he said he would put the resolution in the case file. Ms. Kent said also that the ANC had not reviewed the McCooey project (O.G. 89-78) at 1637 35th Street, but would do so on 5 June. She added that her concern at this meeting was that the remarks of Messrs. Andrews and Vercelli concerning the deck were not reflected in the Appendix conclusion. The Secretary said the deck was not visible from public space and did not need a permit; therefore, it was not made part of the official action. The owner, Mr. McCooey, was present, and while the members looked at the concept plans for the new garage, deck and trellis, he explained his proposal in more detail. There were no further questions, and the action as stated in the appendix was allowed to stand.

Miss Wolf asked about the visibility of a conservatory addition at 3108 P Street (O.G.89-135) and had some questions about a bridge to the tower at Washington Harbour and the request for a trellis and planting (O.G. 89-127). Her questions were answered by the staff. Mrs. Alicia Boyd asked to enter a letter in support of the appendix action on 3411 O Street (O.G.89-98) from Philip Jessup, who was unable to be at the meeting. There was no further discussion and the appendix was approved.

F. National Park Service, National Capital Region

2. CFA 25/MAY/89-6, bollard inspection. The Chairman reported that the members had inspected a mock-up of black steel security bollards set up on the south lawn of the White House. He said everyone was in agreement that they were a great improvement over the concrete ones used along Pennsylvania Avenue and were thankful that advances in technology had made them possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

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EXHIBIT A

14 June 1989

Dear Mr. Storey:

During its meeting of 25 May 1989, the Commission reviewed additional studies for the National Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial on Judiciary Square. The members are pleased with the progress of the design but feel that there is one area of major concern that remains.

The problem of greatest and continuing concern to the Commission centers on the existing elevator houses and their relation to the memorial plaza. The Commission has consistently advocated the incorporation of these structures into an arbor, a scheme, which may or may not require alterations to their exterior fabric in order to achieve the best possible result for the memorial as a whole. The position of Metro, however, seems intent on leaving the elevator houses unaltered as free-standing elements. This position, incidently, was established during the early phase of Metro development at the encouragement of the Commission of Fine Arts as a means to ensure the visual and practical integrity of the entire system. Nevertheless, the parameters as developed were not intended to preclude a departure from design uniformity where such a departure would benefit a particular site.

Certainly in this case the establishment of a national memorial takes precedence over the design of the existing elevator houses, especially since the structures in question occupy the center stage of the proposed memorial itself. Therefore, the members believe that every reasonable avenue should be explored to reach an accommodation between Metro and the Law Enforcement Heroes Memorial. To this end, the Commission will be happy to provide whatever assistance is considered appropriate.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT B

19 June 1989

Dear Mr. Storey:

During its meeting of 25 May 1989, the Commission discussed the results of an inspection of the existing portrait sculpture and current site development of the Francis Scott Key Memorial on M Street adjacent to Key Bridge in Georgetown. Construction is progressing along rapidly and we believe the final memorial will be quite handsome.

The tour accomplished two things. The consensus of opinion indicates a preference for a rectangular granite base for the bust of a breadth considerably narrower than the width of the existing bronze work. Such a resolution will prevent any possible visual confusion as to where the base ends and the body of the sculpture begins. The second point centered on a proposed change of paving material for the plaza. As originally conceived, the center of the plaza was to have a circular area paved in reddish brown sandstone. The cost estimates, however, have proven greater than the construction budget will allow. Therefore, at the request of Mr. T. Paul Imse, Secretary of the Foundation, the Commission considered the use of bluestone as a replacement. The sample presented had a beige cast and was found acceptable. The Commission suggested considering a central motif of sandstone or brass, perhaps in the form of a symbolic device such as a star.

The Commission is confident that these remaining problems will be resolved quickly and looks forward to a final review of these elements whenever convenient.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT C

14 June 1989

Dear Bob:

The Commission of Fine Arts met on 25 May 1989 with Mr. John Blair, of the National Park Service, and Mr. Jeff Baird, the landscape architect, to review proposed designs for the Preschool Play Area at Walt Whitman Park (19th and E Streets, N.W.). In approving the general concept of this location and the design of the play area, our principal concern is that a sense of overall civic design be given to Walt Whitman Park. As the plans were presented, the development is concentrated at the east end of the park and the remainder is open space defined only by the flanking rows of trees on E Street. The result is a sense of incompleteness and imbalance when viewed as a whole. Noting that there have been long-range formal plans for the park which have been thwarted by lack of funds, there may be a way to strenghten the design with a few extra trees closing the gap in front of the Civil Service Building and at the west end of the park, where the interior space unfortunately dribbles out into the area of the E Street Expressway tunnel. This we would hope could be done as a minimum, but there could be additional elements to help balance the symmetry of the park. The Commission does not intend to delay construction of the play area while seeking the ideal solution for the rest of the park, but does feel that there needs to be some serious design consideration for the park as a whole; we would welcome seeing a master plan.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT D

14 June 1989

Dear Mr. Miles:

During its meeting of 25 May 1989, the Commission was pleased to discuss with you and John-Paul Carlhian additional studies for improvements to the Forrestal Building on Independence Avenue. It should be understood that current deliberations are separate from the general renovation of the plaza and proposed new landscaping approved in April. Construction on these items should commence whenever GSA thinks appropriate.

The May review focused on measures defining the entrances and 10th Street axis to the Forrestal Building: a flag centered on the Independence Avenue entrance to the Tenth Street Mall and two flanking elements designed to frame that approach. The members believe that providing accents at this location is appropriate and approve the concept design submitted by the architect for a pair of low open framelike elements. Naturally, as with any concept, the Commission reserves final approval for a review of more detailed studies as they are developed. As to the flag, the members agree that it would be better if the height of the pole was increased and the base for the pole treated in a more conventional manner and not incorporate features of the "window" frame design.

The Commission looks forward to review of these items as they develop. As always, the staff is available should questions arise.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT E

14 June 1989

Dear Richard:

The Commission confirms its approval of modifications to the FBI sidewalk area which they discussed with Jay Brodie of PADC on 25 May 1989. Though we note the passing of the only complete part of the original Pennsylvania Avenue configuration, the Commission feels that a consistent treatment of walks, lights and trees is important. We regret the removal of the existing linden trees and give our reluctant blessing only on the condition that PADC is able to provide substantial trees (at least a 5" caliper) to replace them.

We thank you for having your staff keep us abreast of these plans.

Sincerely,

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EXHIBIT F

AGENDA ITEM EXHIBIT

25 May 1989

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 89-18	8175 East Beach Drive, N.W. Dickie S. Carter Residence	New single family residence - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed new residence and landscaped terraces as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 12 April 1989 and 16 May 1989, respectively. Recommend submission of working drawings include provisions for asphalt-surfaced driveway and care in selection and grouping of new landscape plantings. (Shrubs and trees are not to be lined up in a row on property line).

S.L. 89-109	800 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Marvin Robertson Office building	New office building - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to general concept of new building at this location provided it does not require a variance to existing zoning limits. Recommend additional design study of chamfered facade to minimize its apparent width as seen from Lafayette Square. Also recommend further study of penthouse, possibly setting it back so as to minimize its height, and to separate it visually from the main building element.

S.L. 89-115	1101 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Evening Star Building	Roof terrace alterations - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed alteration to roof terrace.

NO.	ADDRESS AND OWNER	PROJECT
S.L. 89-121	7780 17th Street, N.W. Fedcity Development Corporation Residence	New single family residence - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to general concept design for proposed new residence. Recommend careful study of fenestration for clarity and uniformity of final design. Submit landscape plans with working drawings for permit review when ready.

O.G. 89-81	3015 M Street, N.W. Mehdi Falsafi Commercial	Rear addition - revised

ACTION: Postponed. Withdrawn by the applicant.

O.G. 88-203	3607 M Street, N.W. Exxon Corporation	Raze existing service station buildings - permit

ACTION: No objection to issuance of permit for proposed razing of existing service station buildings which have been found <u>not</u> to contribute to the character of the historic district. (See O.G. 88-255.)

O.G. 88-255	3607 Canal Road, N.W. Exxon Corporation Gas station	New service station facility - conceptual

ACTION: No objection to concept design for proposed new convenience store and canopied pump islands as shown in supplemental drawings received and dated 25 April 1989. Submit working drawings, material samples (with mock-up panel on site) and landscape plan for permit review when ready.

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22 June 1989